

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

Claims 1 and 3-66 and 105 are pending in the present application. Of these, claims 1, 66 and 105 are independent.

Applicant hereby affirms the election of Group 1, claims 1-65 and 105 during the telephone conversation with the examiner. Claim 66 is now withdrawn from consideration as a result of Applicant's election.

Claims 1, 26-33 and 37-55 were rejected under 35 USC Section 101 as claiming the same invention in commonly assigned U.S. Patent No. 6,494,884. The claims have been amended to obviate this rejection in that the amended claims do not claim the same invention as that claimed in claims 1-28 of U.S. Patent No. 6,191,884.

Claim 105 is allowed.

Applicant appreciates the indication that claims 2-25, 34-36 and 56-65 would be allowable if rewritten into independent form. Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of dependent claim 2 and dependent claims 8, 22, 36, 56 and 62 have been rewritten into independent form thereby placing all claims in condition for allowance.

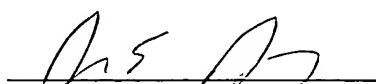
CONCLUSION

Applicant submits that all claims are in condition for allowance and an action to that end is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-412-3322.

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